

Village Fitness Trail Under Development

by Joe Payne, Superintendent, Parks and Recreation Department

Spring and summer are wonderful times for walking, airing out the mind, renewing the soul and regaining fitness, and the new Village Fitness Trail will offer an opportunity to shape up while enjoying stately trees, blooms and diverse architecture.

Intended primarily for walking, this unique trail is a hard-surface, easy-to-moderate walk. All street crossings are accessible.

Start in the Village

One way to enjoy it is to start at Morton Community Center or the West Lafayette Public Library, then go:

- North on North Chauncey
- East on North Street one block
- North on Salisbury three blocks
- West on Lutz to Vine
- North on Vine four blocks to Centennial Neighborhood Park, a nice place to rest after a 3/4-mile stroll.
- West on Lawn to Grant



- North on Grant to Meridian and the West Lafayette Junior/Senior High School track, soon to get a new latex surface, landscaping and benches. The track is open for public use year round, except during physical education classes and football games.

Includes Two School Tracks

After walking around the 1/4-mile track, proceed:

- North on Grant to Leslie
- East on Leslie, cross Salisbury to Kingston
- North and east around Happy Hollow School, past the pool, and around the 1/4-mile, soft-surface, loop track east of the school, also open to the public year round except during physical education classes.

The distance between the two tracks is 2/3 mile. Including walks around both tracks, the one-way trail runs 2-1/6 miles; round-trip, 4-1/3 miles. Sidewalk markers and four map/information signs will soon be installed to note the route.



Enjoy one of West Lafayette's many beautiful trails.

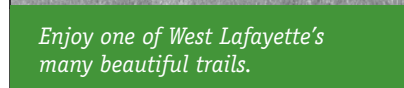
Howard Zalkin, 3312 Dubois St., received the Beautification Award in March.

New Recycling Schedule, Procedures Debut

Trash day and recycling day are now one and the same. Whatever day each week—Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday—that has been your trash collection day is now your recycling day, too. Please place trash totes and recycling bins at the curb, away from your mailbox and driveway, by 7 a.m.

Also new: recycled items can be commingled in the red recycling container or other bins, which we would appreciate your labeling "recycling." Items brought to the recycling center still require sorting.

For more information or answers to questions, call the Street Department at 765/775-5242.





Summer a Busy Time

by Mayor John Dennis

After a spring of improvements, our parks, trails and pool fill with visitors.

Gardeners join in

beautification efforts. Sagamore West Farmers Market fills with the bounty of local growers. And many head for outdoor festivals, including the second annual Art in Bloom on June 26.

It's also road project season and time to implement steps in our strategic plan.

As promised, the new commingling recycling program began April 13.

I invite you to partake fully in all our city has to offer and to volunteer where you can lend your talents.

Strategic Plan Adopted

The city has begun implementing our 2010 Strategic Plan Update. Some goals:

Economic Development: recruit new retail, develop a multicultural retail incubator, create Village/Levee and Sagamore West master plans.

Facilities/Infrastructure: develop a capital improvements plan, continue pedestrian and bike improvements, develop neighborhood traffic calming guidelines, improve city gateways.

Neighborhoods: create a neighborhood presidents council, implement landlord and rental-to-owner incentive programs, develop a micro-grant program for neighborhood improvements.

Community: join the International Town and Gown Association, host an annual city summit, create Facebook and Twitter accounts, develop a volunteer recognition program.

Read the Strategic Plan at www.westlafayette.in.gov.

Purdue Crew Boathouse Underway



The Purdue Crew Boathouse is nearly complete.

The \$1.7M, 22,000-square-foot Purdue Crew Boathouse is taking shape. The two-story building will have five bays, two workout areas, restrooms and an alumni area. The facility will be the new home for Purdue Crew and a public-access facility.

Of Note

New Parks and Recreation Board Members. Patrick Flannelly and John MacDonald have been named to the West Lafayette Board of Parks and Recreation, joining Karen Springer, president; Mary Nauman, vice president; Richard Shockley, secretary; and Andy Gutwein, board attorney.

City Website. News, updates, meeting minutes and more are continually updated. Check in often at www.westlafayette.in.gov.



Patrick Flannelly John MacDonald

Pool Opens May 28. The West Lafayette Municipal Pool opens for the season with the annual Splash Bash at 1 p.m., Friday, May 28. Daily hours for public swimming are 1 to 4:50 p.m. and 6 to 7:50 p.m. Adult lap swim is 12 to 12:50 p.m. and 5 to 5:50 p.m.

Parking Reminder. Vehicles parked off-street must be in a driveway or approved parking area and accessed by a curb cut. Call the Neighborhood Resource Team, 765-775-5200, with questions.

2010 Census. Be sure to respond, and encourage neighbors and Purdue students to do the same. Questions? Call 1-866-872-6868.

Fire Calls Up. The West Lafayette Fire Department responded to more than 1,600 emergency calls in 2009, up nearly 500 from a decade ago.

Building Permits. January and February: 6 single-family, \$1.3 million; 2 duplexes, \$545,000; greenhouse and office remodel, Purdue Research Park, \$5.2 million.

Police Beat

Drug Drop-Off Every Second Tuesday.

Expired or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications may be dropped off the second Tuesday of every month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the West Lafayette Police Department lobby, 711 W. Navajo St. For more information contact Officer Shepherd at 765-775-5230, jashepherd@westlafayettepd.us.

Jon Eager Named Officer of the Year. West Lafayette Police Detective Jon Eager has been named Officer of the Year. He was nominated by his supervisor, Lt. Troy

Harris, due to his dedication and work in 2009 on major drug investigations.

Sign Up for Emergency Notices. Residents may subscribe to receive emergency notices of road closings, missing persons, weather alerts or life-threatening situations by email or text message. Subscribe at www.nixle.com; under "settings" at the top of the webpage, select the agency whose notices you'd like to receive. For more information, contact Capt. Mike Francis, 765-775-5200, mdfrancis@westlafayettepd.us.



Looking Good All Around West Lafayette

Plant Yellow. West Lafayette in Bloom's featured color for 2010 is yellow. Residents are encouraged to plant yellow flowers.

Art in Bloom. The city's second annual Art in Bloom, highlighting New Chauncey Neighborhood gardens and local artists, is Saturday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pick up maps for the free event at Lincoln Park on Lincoln Street.

Clear-Blue-Green Business Certification Program. The West Lafayette Go Greener Commission, Greater Lafayette Commerce and Wabash River Enhancement Corp. are sponsoring the Clear-Blue-Green Business Certification Program. An environmental checklist determines qualifications. Details at www.greaterlafayettecommerce.com.

New Chauncey Neighborhood Plan. New Chauncey Neighborhood residents are creating a land use plan with the Tippecanoe County Area Plan Commission. Steering committee members are: Peter Bunder, Dale Dixon, Tom Frey, Loren King, Jay McCann, Colleen Neiner, Shane O'Malley, Gerald Thomas and Patti Weida. Want more information? Contact Ryan O'Gara, Area Plan Commission, 765-423-9242.

Cultural Districts and Kiosks Welcome Visitors. West Lafayette/Lafayette is one of the state's first three official cultural districts. The Chauncey Village, Wabash Riverfront, and Arts and Market districts will be identified by signage and murals this summer. Two kiosks are already installed in downtown Lafayette and Wabash Landing. Look for more this summer.

Street Improvements Make Headway

Yeager Road: Appraising and buying right-of-ways begin soon. Depending upon land acquisition, utilities and the Purdue calendar, construction could begin by Spring 2011.

Cumberland: Late May will bring a three-to-four-week lane closure at U.S. 52 to improve the pedestrian crossing as this project continues to progress.

Lindberg Road: West Lafayette continues collaboration with Tippecanoe County on design, environmental permits and

the pedestrian trail crossing. Meetings are set with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and Army Corps of Engineers—both have permit authority over the project's impact to wetlands. Permit requirements could take as long as nine months.

U.S. 231: The City and Indiana Department of Transportation are in discussions on the proposed U.S. 231 construction schedule and traffic pattern impacts.

This rendering shows an approximation of the proposed Lindberg Road bridge.



Art in Bloom returns June 26 to New Chauncey Neighborhood; photo from 2009, Hills and Dales.

Fireworks: Play It Safe

The West Lafayette Fire Department offers these fireworks safety tips:

Do: Be considerate of neighbors and pets, consider where fireworks will land and allow them to cool several hours before putting them in the trash.

Don't: Endanger property, allow children to light them, relight duds or stand over them when lighting.

Consumer fireworks are allowed on private property from 5 p.m. until two hours after sunset, June 29 to July 9, and on July 4 from 10 a.m. to midnight. Fireworks are not allowed in city parks.

Beautification

Recent winners of West Lafayette's Beautification Award are:

February. McDonald's Restaurant.
605 W. Stadium

March. Howard Zalkin. 3312 Dubois St.

April. Susan Haldeman. Prophet's Ridge
Neighborhood improvements

WINNER

West Lafayette Events

City Offices Closed

May 4, May 31, July 5

Sagamore West Farmers Market

Wednesdays through October,
3 to 6:30 p.m., Cumberland Park

West Lafayette Municipal Pool

Opens for the Season and Splash Bash
Friday, May 28, 1 p.m.

Taste of Tippecanoe

Saturday, June 19, 3 p.m. to midnight
Tapawingo Park, Downtown Lafayette

Art in Bloom

Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
New Chauncey Neighborhood
Pick up map in Lincoln Park

Stars and Stripes Celebration

Sunday, July 4, 6 p.m.
Myers Pedestrian Bridge, Riehle Plaza

Riverfest

Saturday, July 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tapawingo Park

Dancing in the Streets

Saturday, July 17, 4 p.m. to midnight
Tapawingo Park, Downtown Lafayette

This Fall

Global Fest, September 4
Art on the Wabash, September 19

Farmers Market Opens May 5

Lean and green is back! Now in its sixth year, Sagamore West Farmers Market promotes locally produced or grown products—with point-of-origin labels—original crafts, grilling, demonstrations, wine tastings and fun, community-oriented activities.



Denise Dorsey-Zinn

Visit the market on Wednesdays, 3 to 6:30 p.m., in Cumberland Park, off Salisbury Street and north of Cumberland Avenue.

Market Master Denise Dorsey-Zinn, herself a Master Gardener, has lined up dozens of vendors, visiting groups and activities. For ongoing details over the summer, check www.westlafayette.in.gov.



Art in Bloom! Visit New Chauncey Neighborhood gardens, each featuring local artists and artwork Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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